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Lord Balcarras says, Donatello bequeathed nothing to posterity except a name, his masterpieces, and a lasting influence for good. In a word, the materials for a biography of Donatello are so scant that his life and personality can only be studied in his work.

These works, however, Lord Balcarras has most carefully studied; he has, moreover, acquired an intimate acquaintance with all the literature on the subject. With eleven or twelve exceptions, he has seen the original of every existing piece of sculpture, architecture, and painting mentioned in the book. The work, therefore, is in no sense a restatement of commonly expressed opinions, but a profound study which sets forth the subject in a clear and just light.

✱ The success of Mrs. Edith Ogden Harrison's "Prince Silverwings," a year ago, has resulted in the appearance of a second volume of a similar character, "The Star Fairies," recently published by A. C. McClurg & Co., which is fully equal in interest, textually and pictorially, to its predecessor. Mrs. Harrison tells a half-dozen tales with the genuine fairy-story flavor, calculated by innate charm to delight little folk who have a greed for marvels and the robustness of character to believe or pretend to believe what is told them. A feature of the volume is a series of interesting colored plates by Lucy Fitch Perkins. These pictures in conception are as typical of fairyland as is the text, and the artist is to be commended for her skillful work.



BOOKS RECEIVED

"Venice and Its Story," by T. Okey. The Macmillan Co. \$6 net.

"Recollections and Impressions of James McNeill Whistler," by Arthur Jerome Eddy. J. B. Lippincott Co. \$2 net.

"The Art of the Renaissance," by Heinrich Wölfflin. G. P. Putnam's Sons. \$2.25.

"French and English Furniture," by Esther Singleton. McClure, Phillips & Co. \$6 net.

"American Art Annual, 1903," Florence N. Levy, editor. American Art Annual, Incorporated. \$5.

"Wood-Carving," by George Jack. D. Appleton & Co. \$1.40.

"Penrose's Pictorial Annual, 1903-1904," Edited by William Gamble. Tennant & Ward. \$1.50.

"Photograms for the Year 1903." Tennant & Ward, American Publishers. \$1.25.

"The Autobiography of Benjamin Franklin." R. R. Donnelley & Sons Co.

"Hortus Vitæ," by Vernon Lee. John Lane. \$1.25.

"Arabic Literature," by Clement Hubert. D. Appleton & Co. \$1.50 net.